

NIINA VATANEN / CV

Born 1977 in Kuopio, Finland. Lives and works in Helsinki, Finland

Education

- 2008 Master of Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki
(now Aalto University – School of Arts, Design and Architecture),
Department of Photography
- 06-07 Minor subject studies, Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
- 03-04 University of Barcelona, Spain, Department of Fine Arts, Exchange program
- 2004 Bachelor of Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki, Department of
Photography
- 2000 Laajasalo Folk High School, one year Visual Communications program

Selected solo exhibitions

- 2018 Time is a Tragedy (Vol. II), Photographic Centre Peri, Turku, FI
- 2017 Time is a Tragedy, Forum Box, Helsinki, FI
- 2016 Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
- 2015 Beyond the Visible Surface. C/O Berlin, Germany.
- 2014 The Finnish Museum of Photography (with Hertta Kiiski), Helsinki, Finland
Cloud Hunter's Eyes , TR1 Kunsthalle, Tampere, Finland
- 2013 Cloud Hunter's Eyes, Galerie Pleiku, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 Grey Diary, Gallery Ratamo, Jyväskylä, Finland
Kaunokirjoitusta/Cursive, Huuto Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Kaunokirjoitusta/Cursive, Photographic Centre Peri, Turku, Finland
Grey Diary, Gallery TaiK, Berlin, Germany
- 2006 The Red Letter (and Other Confessions), Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki

Selected group exhibitions

- 2022 Notes from a Seamstress' Daughter, Persons Projects, Lindenstr. 35, Berlin, DE
When the Wind Blows, Kunst Haus Wien, Vienna, AT
- 2021 New Perspectives Through Photography - 25 Years of the Helsinki School,
Taidehalli (Kunsthalle) Helsinki, FI
Échos système, Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation, Arles, FR
ÖRES 21 Summer Exhibition, Örö, Kemiönsaari, FI
- 2020 Nurture, Nature, davidbehning Gallery, Düsseldorf, DE
- 2019 Eating Pineapples on the Moon, Riga Photomonth, Riga, LV
Fotowien, book exhibition, Vienna, AT
- 2017 Between the Past and the Future, Mikkeli Art Museum, Mikkeli, FI
- 2015 I plunge into black holes and emerge intact, Gallery Taik Persons, Berlin, DE
Reframe Memory, Athens Photo Festival, Athens, GR
Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
- 2014 Paris Photo, Gallery Taik Persons, Paris, FR
Viennafair, Gallery Taik Persons, Vienna, AT
Photobookshow – Brighton Photo Biennial, Brighton, GB
Unseen Amsterdam, Gallery Taik Persons, Amsterdam, NL
- 2013 Paris Photo, Gallery Taik Persons, Paris, France
Viennafair, Gallery Taik Persons, Wien, Austria
Art Fair Suomi, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
- 2011 Female View, Fotoraum, Vienna, Austria
Touching Dreams, The Danish National Museum of Photography, Copenhagen,
Denmark

- 2010 Daegu Photo Biennale, Daegu, South Korea
Art Fair Suomi, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
Photography and Video NOW, Helsinki Art Museum Meilahti, Helsinki, Finland
- 2009 Helsinki School, Loft Project ETAGI, St Petersburg, Russia
Like a Thief in the Night, The Town Museum of Jakobstad, Finland
- 2008 Rose Boréal, Palais des Beaux Arts de Lille, France
Art Fair Suomi, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
Like a Thief in the Night, Gallery Elverket, Tammisaari, Finland
Masters of Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland
Rose Boréal - Photographies de l'Ecole d'Helsinki, Paris, France
- 2007 Paris Photo, Gallery TaiK, France
Art Forum Berlin 2007, Gallery TaiK, Germany
Helsinki School, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Finland
Uutuus - Nyhet!, Häme-Gallery, Lahti, Finland
- 2006 Passing Energy, Eerikinkatu open-air gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 Artist in the Picture, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
- 2003 The Black Jovos meet Stereo Kerava, Kerava Museum of Art, Kerava, Finland
Black Jovos, Gallery Myymälä 2, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Kärpäspaperi, Media Centre Lume, Helsinki, Finland

Grants

Finnish Cultural Foundation
Finnish Cultural Foundation/Uusimaa Regional fund
Frame Visual Art Finland
Kone Foundation
The Paulo Foundation
City of Helsinki
The Finnish Art Association, Grant for Young Artists
Arts Promotion Centre Finland
Arts Council of Uusimaa
Arts Council of Finland
University of Art and Design Helsinki
University of Art and Design Helsinki, Research Institute
University of Art and Design Helsinki, International Affairs Centre

Publications and Articles

- 2019 Time Atlas, monograph, Kehrer Verlag, Germany
- 2019 The Helsinki School, The Nature of Being, Vol. 6, Hatje Cantz, Germany
- 2019 Transeurope Magazine, 31 European photographers
- 2018 Tiheä hetki – The Yearbook of Finnish Photography, Musta Taide, Finland
- 2015 Artinvestor 02/15, text by Valerie Präkelt
- 2014 Archive Play, Kehrer Verlag, Germany
- 2014 DU magazine # 849 | September 2014, text by Andréa Holzherr
- 2014 Unseen Magazine, text by Caroline von Courten
- 2014 The Helsinki School, From the Past to the Future, Hatje Cantz, Saksa
- 2013 A Room's Memory / Huoneen muisti, monograph, Kehrer Verlag, Germany
- 2011 The Helsinki School Vol. 4, A Female View, Hatje Cantz, Germany
- 2010 4. Europäischer Monat Der Fotografie Berlin, Kulturprojekte Berlin GmbH
- 2009 The Helsinki School Vol. 3, Hatje Cantz, Germany
- 2008 Rose Boréal: Photographies de l'Ecole d'Helsinki, ENSBA, France
- 2008 Kuin varas yöllä –exhibition catalogue, Proartibus, Helsinki
- 2008 Masters of Arts 2008 –exhibition catalogue, University of Art and Design Helsinki

Memberships

The Union of Artist Photographers, Finland

Works in collections

EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art / Saastamoinen Foundation

State of Finland

The Finnish Art Association

The Finnish Museum of Photography

Private collections